

# FOR THE HOSTESS

Advice and Suggestions as to Social Etiquette and Forms of Entertainment, by Madame Merri.

**Period of Mourning.**  
Please answer through your column of "Questions and Answers" these questions: What is the proper length of time for a person to wear mourning for a husband, father or mother, sister or child, and should a person wearing black pay social calls if the calls were made before the person went in black? Should any person's call be returned while in mourning?  
X. Y.

Books of etiquette prescribe two years of mourning for a husband, one year for a parent and one year for a child. A person in deep mourning is not supposed to return calls for six months. Personally I think the question of mourning must be settled individually, not by an outside person who does not know the circumstances.

**A Bride-Elect's Queries.**  
Should the bride and groom wear gloves at a small home wedding and how is the wedding cake served now, if at all? Also, what are the duties of the maid of honor?  
FRANCES H.

Gloves may or may not be worn. It is altogether a question to be settled by personal preference. The bride makes the first cut in the wedding cake; the waiter finishes and passes to the guests. The maid of honor immediately precedes the bride in the bridal procession, stands by her side, holds the bouquet, puts back the veil and arranges the glove (if one is worn) to receive the ring, the finger having been previously ripped.

**Senior Entertainment.**  
I write you to add me in an entertainment for the seniors of the high school. I am the wife of the superintendent and we have a small cottage. I wish to serve refreshments in two or three courses. The affair will be in the evening in the month of May—about 15 present. Can you give me some good ideas or tell me of some good books that I may get?  
MRS. J. H.

I heard of this scheme being carried out successfully and think would suit you. Each member of the senior class was asked to come wearing an article indicating a book studied, also an article to indicate their chosen profession in life. Guessing the books and prospective "calling" made lots of fun and there was no dullness. I assure you. Serve iced tea or lemonade with wafers and ice cream with strawberries; small cakes. I can send you the name of several books if you will send me personally in care of the paper.

**Hats at an Evening Wedding.**  
Will you kindly inform me whether it would be right for maid of honor and bridesmaids (six) to wear hats at an evening wedding? Would it be well to have the six bridesmaids dressed alike or differently? The colors are blue and white. Will you please give me a few suggestions for dress of maid of honor and bridesmaids? Also what style hats and what kind of flowers should be carried to carry out the color scheme?  
BLUE BIRD.

Hats of leghorn with wreaths of forget-me-nots and blue tulle trimming would be lovely and perfectly proper. The maid of honor could wear blue, the maids white over blue. All the gowns should be similar in character. White roses tied with blue gauze would be pretty for bouquets.

**Entertainments for a Sunday School Social Club.**

As a reader of your question box I am very much interested, and will be pleased if you will answer a few questions for me.

I am a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Sunday school, and the class that I belong to has organized a club and has elected me president. As I have never held office before would

you kindly give me a few pointers as to how I should entertain, and would it be suitable to serve cocoa and rolls, or have you a menu that is not common nor expensive?

I am 16 years of age and the girls are all younger than myself, and I am a working girl. How shall I open up and preside at the first meeting?

If you know anything more of interest for our club your advice will be appreciated.  
D. S.

As it is a social club I do not think you should be at all formal. You merely act as hostess, appoint the hostess for next meeting and appoint an entertainment committee, if you think that is necessary. I should serve cocoa with a marshmallow in it and dainty sandwiches, with chopped nuts, raisins and dates between, all mixed together with a bit of cream or syrup, so that it will spread. You can bring your fancy work, play guessing games, have charades and do all sorts of things. I think girls always have a fine time together.

**Acceptance for Card Party.**  
Please tell me the proper form of "acceptance" for an invitation to an afternoon card party. Should a reply always be sent to such an invitation?  
FAIRFAX.

A reply is imperative one way or the other for a card party. Take your visiting card, write "accepts," with day and date written. Send by post or messenger.

**Party Calls Necessary.**  
I want to ask you a question, and would be so glad if I could have a reply soon. If I send regrets to invitation to party do I make a party call the same as if I accepted?  
CLARICE.

You must pay a party call just exactly the same as if you had gone to the party. Your obligation is just the same.  
MADAME MERRI.

## IN VOGUE

A number of men have been seen recently wearing light gray overcoats with black broadcloth collars and cuffs.

Flowers, as usual, are important in connection with spring headgear, and wings are smart on hats of moderate size.

Just now there seems to be a race between the dyer and the dressmaker to see which can produce the most new effects.

One of the new bandings in white lawn is embroidered all over closely with one color in a small leaf and dot pattern.

For pretty dress frocks there never was such an assemblage of thin silk and cotton materials as there is at this moment.

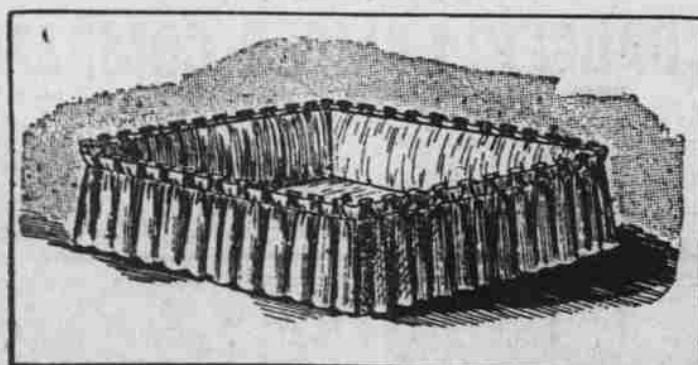
Billiken belts for the children have the smiling face of the god of "things as they ought to be" gleaming from the buckles.

Pink is one of the favorite colors in Paris at the moment. Most of the gowns of this shade have a relieving note of black.

**Charm of Fluffy Jabot.**

There is an evasive charm about a fluffy jabot. It gives an "air" that is hard to define. One of its taking ways is its absolute daintiness. The very essence of freshly laundered crispness is the jabot, for, of course, no one ever thinks of wearing one more than once, or on rare occasions twice, without submitting the lacy trifle to the laundress. This rule must hold good with all launderable accessories if one would be well groomed.

## Useful Tray



In the accompanying sketch may be seen a very useful tray that can be made in various sizes. In quite a small size for the dressing-table for pins and odds and ends, or in a larger size for the writing-table for letters, or in a still larger size for needle-work.

It is easily arranged with the aid of any flat cardboard box of suitable shape. The inside is slightly padded, with cotton wool, and then lined with whatever material may have been chosen. The little frill, gathered at the top, runs all round the exterior of the box, and is of sufficient length just to touch the ground and can be lightly tacked on in its place. The box from which our sketch was made was lined with white satin, and the frill running round the outside was of the same material in a pale shade of pink. Smart little ribbon bows may be tacked on at each corner, and will help to make the tray ornamental as well as useful. Little sets of these trays made in three sizes should command a ready sale at a bazaar, and might well be added to the list of articles to make by those kind people who set aside part of their leisure hours for work of this description.

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## HIS LUCK.



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**Intruder Among the War Dogs.**  
Prof. William Lyon Phelps of Yale went to West Point last fall to lecture. He was lecturing in the chapel, the cadets were rigidly paying attention, erect, eyes front, each man a ramrod of military etiquette. An Irish setter entered the chapel door and ambled sniffingly down the aisle and up on to the platform. The cadets squirmed under the eagle eyes of their officers but not a man smiled. "Billy" noticed the strain. He looked down at the dog wagging its tail benevolently on the rostrum. "What! How's this?" said Prof. Phelps. "A setter? Why, I expected to see nothing but West Pointers up here."—Yale Alumni Weekly.

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